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Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments.

In the specification:

Q1 In the specification after page 61, replace the Sequence Listing on pages 1-17 with the substitute Sequence Listing on pages 1-47 enclosed herewith.

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 5 with the following:

Q2 -- Figure 1A presents the sequence of the HBV core promoter (SEQ ID NO:16).--

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 6 with the following:

Q3 -- Figure 1B presents the sequence of the HBV pre-S1 promoter region (SEQ ID NO:22) with the sequences of various DNA response elements (HNF1, HNF3, Sp1 and TBP) indicated as underlined with sequence locations indicated in the figure.--

On page 7, please replace the paragraph starting on line 9 with the following: